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**GOOD SAMARITAN HONOURED**

On Wednesday April 22, Christchurch city resident Mr. Scott Menzies will receive an award from the U.S. Department of State commending his honesty.

“It recently came to our attention that Scott had handed in cash and credit cards that had been lost by a U.S. couple visiting Christchurch,” explained U.S. Embassy Chargé d’Affaires (acting Ambassador) Dave Keegan. “The couple described themselves as very relieved and eternally grateful to the person who turned in the purse and we thought he deserved to be recognized for displaying such integrity.”

At the presentation, which will also to be attended by Christchurch’s Deputy Mayor, Mr. Norm Withers, and members of the New Zealand Police, Dave Keegan will present Scott Menzies with a certificate of acknowledgement and a special U.S. Department of State coin.

The honour comes soon after another local resident, Nic Rhodes-Grennell, was lauded as the “honest angel of Christchurch” when she found more than \$1700 cash and handed it into the Papanui Police Station.

“Christchurch just appears to be that kind of city,” marveled Dr. Keegan. “And that character, that spirit certainly deserves to be acknowledged and appreciated.”